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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kazunari KOBAYASHI, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: NEGATIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR BATTERY, ANODE CAN FOR BATTERY, ZINC
NEGATIVE PLATE FOR BATTERY, MANGANESE DRY BATTERY AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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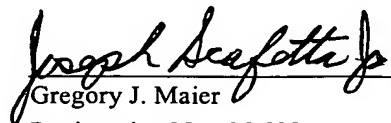
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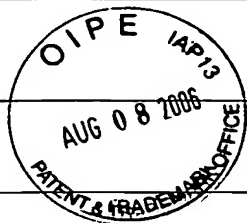
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